

Becoming a Teacher **Teachers Truly Do Make a Difference!**

Teaching is one of the most rewarding and important careers in which one may be involved. School of Environmental and Biological Science (SEBS) students have the opportunity to participate in a program that may lead to certification as a teacher by the State of New Jersey. The Teacher Education program is also available as a minor course of study for SEBS students. This minor is a prerequisite or “gateway” to a fifth year of study in the university’s Graduate School of Education, which culminates in a master’s degree with New Jersey certification as a teacher of science or agriculture. Students in the teacher education minor apply to the Graduate School of Education during the spring semester of their junior year. If accepted, graduate-level study begins the summer after graduation, with program completion, including student teaching, projected to occur by the following May. At the undergraduate level, a minimum of 30 credits is required in Life Science (e.g., biology, animal science, etc.), or Physical Science (e.g., physics, chemistry), or Agricultural Science, depending on the track selected by the student. Professional education courses are treated as unspecified electives in a student’s major. Students must also complete certain general education requirements for NJ certification, many of which may be completed in the context of fulfilling the school’s general education degree requirements. A list of these courses is available in the Teacher Education Office.

Teaching Benefits Everyone!

The Teacher Education minor is also appropriate for students who may not wish to pursue a master’s degree or teacher certification, but who wish to explore courses and career options in education, including environmental/outdoor education and agricultural/extension education.

Please call or visit the Teacher Education Office for more details on how to get started on the road to becoming a TEACHER!

For more information, visit us at www.sebs.rutgers.edu.

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